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FM AMEMBASSY LISBON

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INFO AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

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SUBJ: FURTHER REACTIONS MOZAMBIQUE CHURCH CRISIS

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1. LISBON PRESS APRIL 16 AND 17 HAS GIVEN BROAD ATTENTION TO DEVELOPMENTS FOLLOWING CHURCH-STATE INCIDENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE. AFP REPORT INDICATES THAT, ACCORDING COMBONIAN PRIESTS' HEADQUARTERS IN ROME, BISHOP OF NAMPULA DETAINED BY PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES AND HELD 100 KMS FROM LISBON. ACCORDING AFP, SPOKESMAN FOR GOP EMBASSY AT VATICAN SAID THAT BOTH BLACKS AND WHITES IN MOZAMBIQUE CONDEMNED ACTIVITIES OF BISHOP AND MISSION-ARIES. AFP REPORT CONTAINED OTHER LESS INFLAMMATORY COMMENTS.

2. IN EFFORT CLARIFY SITUATION OVERSEAS MINISTRY RELEASED COMMUNIQUE THROUGH SECSTATE FOR INFORMATION AND TOURISM APRIL 16. COMMUNIQUE TRACED HISTORY OF
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ISSUE FROM MID-FEBRUARY DRAFTING OF INFLAMMATORY DOCUMENT

BY PRIESTS, AND BISHOPS'S ASSOCIATION WITH MISSIONARIES'
ACTIONS. CITING WIDESPREAD REACTION TO PRIESTS' AND
BISHOP'S ACTIVITIES, NOTE SMNFMLNI DECIDED IN MARCH
THAT MISSIONARIES N TO BE EXPELLED. EXPULSION ORDER
SUSPENDED AT REQUEST OF PAPAL NUNCIO. AFTER FURTHER
POPULAR DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST MISSIONARIES, GOVERNMENT
DECIDED TO IMPLEMENT EXPULSION ORDER. "FOR THEIR OWN
SAFETY AND WITH THEIR CONCURRENCE" BISHOP AND MISSIONARIES
WERE TAKEN FROM NAMPULA APRIL 10. FOLLOWING DAY 9
ITALIAN PRIESTS LEFT FOR ROME AND 2 PORTUGUESE WENT TO
LISBON. BISHOP ARRIVED LISBON APRIL 15 AND STAYING
WITH FRIENDS.FULL TEXT FBIS LONDON MSG 162154Z APR 74

3. BISHOP'S SECRETARY TOLD LOCAL JOURNALIST APRIL 16
THAT BISHOP BELIEVES HE WAS EXPELLED AND THAT ALL
DEMONSTRATIONS ORCHESTRATED. BISHOP'S SECRETARY THOUGH
IT LIKELY THAT AS MANY AS 100 FOREIGN PRIESTS WILL
LEAVE MOZAMBIQUE AS RESULT OF THESE INCIDENTS.
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